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The Mozambican government does not have the ability or, at present, the will to contribute military or civilian resources to aid the Coalition effort in Iraq. The Armed Forces of Mozambique are, generally speaking, poorly trained and ill equipped. At most, the Mozambican government may be able and willing to contribute military or civilian resources to assist in resolving conflicts on the African continent, depending on the circumstances. At present, Mozambique only would be able to contribute a small peacekeeping force of several hundred men, maximum, along with only light weapons, toward any such African peacekeeping operation. Dudley